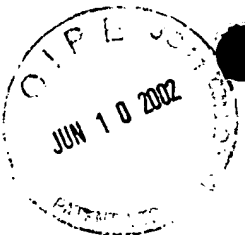


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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2001 for the above-identified U.S. patent application. A petition for a 3 month extension and requisite fee is submitted with the filing of this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension of time fees or other relief as may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Order No. A-68364-1/RMS/DCF/SRN).